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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TSUYOSHI SHIBATA ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/987,530)
Filed: November 15, 2001)
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Sir:

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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English-language abstract.

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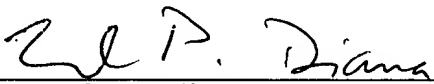
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A copy of the cited Application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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